

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2157

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served October 29, 1980

Application of WHITE HOUSE)
SIGHTSEEING CORPORATION, for)
Authority to Increase Rates)

Case No. AP-80-28

On October 3, 1980, White House Sightseeing Corporation filed its WMATC Tariff No. 3 to cancel and supercede its WMATC Tariff No. 2 which has been in effect since July 22, 1976.

For charter service, applicant proposes to retain the basic rates shown in Table I.

Table I

| <u>Seating Capacity of Vehicle</u> | <u>Rate Per Hour</u> |
|--|----------------------|
| 7 - 14 passenger | \$ 16.00 |
| 39 passenger | 25.00 |
| 43 - 51 passenger | 30.00 |

As before, the minimum charge for chartering a vehicle would be the applicable hourly rate multiplied by four hours, and White House would also continue a \$40 charge for installation of a bar, and a \$10 charge for service provided totally between 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. No charge is specified for charter service including the provision of a licensed guide or lecturer, although the company is authorized and obligated to provide such service. 1/

1/ White House's authority is limited to round-trip sightseeing or pleasure tours.

For individually ticketed special operations, White House proposes to increase its rates as shown in Table II. 2/

| <u>Tour</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Existing Fare</u> | <u>Proposed Fare</u> |
|-------------|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Building Interior | \$ 9.00 | \$ 11.00 |
| 2 | City-Arlington | 9.00 | 11.00 |
| 3 | Mt. Vernon-Alexandria | 10.00 | 16.50 |
| 4 | Building-City-Alexandria | 15.00 | 18.00 |
| 5 | Mt. Vernon-All Day | 18.00 | 24.50 |
| 6 | FBI-All Day | 16.00 | 18.00 |
| 7 | Deluxe-All Day | 23.00 | 29.50 |
| 8 | Washington at Night | 10.50 | 12.00 |
| 9 | Two Day | 34.50 | 39.50 |

Unspecified discounts would be granted to persons with coupons therefor or "others with whom prior arrangements have been made."

White House also proposes to increase "group" per-capita rates as shown in Table III.

| <u>Tour</u> | <u>Existing Adult Fare</u> | <u>Proposed Adult Fare</u> | <u>Existing Student Fare</u> | <u>Proposed Student Fare</u> |
|-------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | \$ 7.20 | \$ 8.80 | \$ 6.75 | \$ 8.25 |
| 2 | 7.20 | 8.80 | 6.75 | 8.25 |
| 3 | 8.00 | 13.20 | 7.50 | 12.38 |
| 4 | 12.00 | 14.40 | 11.25 | 13.50 |
| 5 | 14.40 | 19.60 | 13.50 | 18.38 |
| 6 | 12.80 | 14.40 | 12.00 | 13.50 |
| 7 | 18.40 | 23.60 | 17.25 | 22.13 |
| 8 | 8.40 | 9.60 | 7.90 | 9.00 |
| 9 | 25.60 | 31.60 | 24.00 | 29.63 |

Group rates are said to be available to groups of 15-29 persons to ride with regular tours. Groups of 30 persons or more would use a private bus, although applicant fails to explain why such service would not constitute a charter operation for which a flat or hourly rate should be quoted.

Filed simultaneously with the proposed tariff was a motion for its immediate approval, the details of which need not be described herein. It suffices to say that the proposed tariff contains several

2/ Tours 3B, 5B, and 9B with boat service to or from Mt. Vernon apparently would be discontinued.

defects and that the data submitted in support of the tariff is also deficient. The exact nature of these defects has been the subject of several consultations between employees of White House and the staff of the Commission. Moreover, the defects were listed in a letter dated October 9, 1980, from the Commission's General Counsel to counsel for White House and said letter is incorporated by reference herein.

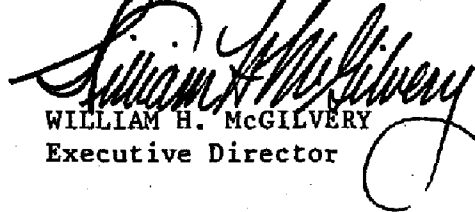
Title II, Article XII, Section 6(a) of the Compact provides that the Commission may suspend a tariff at any time before it would otherwise take effect. 3/ Inasmuch as both the proposed tariff and the data submitted in support thereof contain uncured defects, suspension of the proposed tariff is warranted. Applicant's motion for immediate approval of the tariff will be held in abeyance pending receipt of a corrected tariff and revised supporting data.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That proposed WMATC Tariff No. 3 of White House Sightseeing Corporation is hereby suspended effective November 2, 1980, for a period of 90 days through January 30, 1981, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

2. That applicant is hereby directed to file an original and four copies each of its corrected tariff and revised or supplemental financial data as specified in the above-referenced letter of October 9, 1980, no later than Friday, November 21, 1980.

FOR THE COMMISSION:


WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY
Executive Director

3/ The proposed effective date of White House's WMATC Tariff No. 3 is not specified and is therefore presumed to be November 2, 1980, the 30th day after the date on which the tariff was filed. See Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 5(e).

